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To HW rCW 10/4/59

18 September, 1959

Dear Miss Medlock,

As Mr. Asabuki told you in his letter of 4 September, I have been absent from Paris on home leave. When I returned and found your very kind letter, and since I ~~understand perfectly~~ well the exceptional value it would mean to me to be received by His Highness The Maharajah of Mysore, I tried to change the original schedule of my visit to India. In the meantime, I received reports showing the special interest which His Highness took in the Symposium of Scholars in the field of Humanistic Studies, which took place at the end of August in Mysore and at which Unesco was represented by Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah, Assistant Director-General.

I am very happy to inform you today that in all probability I hope to pay a short visit to Mysore. I plan to arrive in Madras from Colombo late in the afternoon of the 31st of October and to leave in the afternoon of the 6th of November. Although, I have several important commitments in Madras, I shall do my utmost to fly to Bangalore, where I may spend half a day visiting the Universi and cultural institutions. I hear that at 3p.m. a train leaves for Mysore arrivin there at about 7p.m. If His Highness agrees, I could pay him a first visit in the evening after my arrival and a second one the next morning and thus consult His Highness on our East/West Major Project and informing him on our present and futu programme in this field. I shall than take a bus at noon for Bangalore in time to catch my flight to Madras. If this information is correct, I would need practically two days for my short stay in Bangalore and my visit to His Highness; this would leave me sufficient time for my appointments in Madras. I should be very grateful if you would be kind enough to convey to His Highness my deep gratitude for his willingness to receive me and submit to him my travel plans.

As I am leaving Paris next Monday for the Middle East, your answer would not reach me in time here. I should like, therefore, that it be sent to me c/o Mr. James Keen, Resident Representative of the UNTAB, Department of Economic Affairs, 8 Parliament Street, New Delhi. I hope to be in New Delhi from 17 to 22 October and one of my first duties will be to make definite arrangements for my visits to other cities in India, in collaboration with the Indian National Commission for Unesco. If I could find your reply upon arrival in New Delhi it would allow me to draw-up my definite programme for Madras, Bangalore and Mysore.

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The Fern Hill Palace of
The Maharajah of Mysore,
Ootacamund,
The Nilgiris,
South India

If His Highness should have a preference for any of the days between the 1st and the 5th of November, please notify me and I shall do everything possible to conform to his wishes.

I hope that by now you will have received the material which was sent to you by air-mail on the 7th of September, including information on our East/West Major Project and the meeting in Bangkok which you are interested in. I am looking forward to the great pleasure of meeting you and of consulting you since you have such a wide international experience and are so genuinely interested in our work.

Asking you once more to convey my deep respects to His Highness, I remain, with best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

R. Salat
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